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Rick Charest will play Charlie Brown, Linus will be played by Aaron Turcotte-Shamski, Lucy will be played by Erin Flannagan, and Snoopy will be played by Jessica Goostrey. Peppermint Patty will be played by veteran Drama Club member Nancy Lima. Foreign exchange student Tomoko Shinwagua from Japan will play the part of Susie.

The memorable jazz score written by Vince Guarldi will be performed by three members of the ORR Regional Jazz Band: Kate Rose on electric bass, John Farrel on drums, and Josh Smith on piano. The cartoon set, also designed by Paul Sardinha, includes a miniature grand piano, Snoopy's electric blue dog house, and other familiar *Peanuts* fixtures.

This year, for the first time in the history of the Drama Club, one of the performances (Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm) will be ASL-interpreted for the hearing-impaired.

There will be five performances: Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm; and three performances on Saturday, December 7 at 2:00, 4:00 and 7:00 pm. All proceeds from the shows are used to fund next season's productions and to fund the FORD Scholarship Award.

This timeless family classic is sure to please the young and young at heart and will truly start your holiday season out right so don't miss it. Tickets may be purchased at the Marion General Store, Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett, and Lloyd's Market and Movies and More in Rochester. Adult tickets are $5, and student and senior tickets are $3.

On the cover: *Members of the ORR Drama Club who will perform "A Charlie Brown Christmas" next weekend include: Aaron Turcotte-Shamski (Linus), Chris Morey (Shroeder), Tomoko Shinagawa (Susie), Dan Voit (Pig Pen), Jessica Goostrey (Snoopy), William Turcotte-Shamski (Shermie), William Hartley (Pedro), Nicole Dishon (Woodstock), Abby Howes (Violet), Megan Gallpeau and Sasha Vaut (The Twins), Richard Lufkin (Tommy), Richard Charest (Charlie Brown), Erin Flanagan (Lucy), and Nancy Lima (Peppermint Patty). Not pictured: Andrea Caron (Sally). The play is directed by Paul Sardinha. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Country Cook

Ken Haedrich Comes to Rochester

By Jennifer J. Ouellette

"The most important thing to me is to earn my living doing something I love," said award-winning author and cook Ken Haedrich, who brought his fascinating food presentation to the Rochester Woman's Club last week. An acclaimed cook and author through numerous accomplishments in the last several years, Mr. Haedrich has written books including *Country Baking, Home for the Holidays, Country Breakfasts,* and *Simple Desserts.* He is also in the process of writing another book titled *Feeding the Healthy Vegetarian Family.*

Mr. Haedrich is a vegetarian who teaches and demonstrates his simple techniques by using an overhead mirror to prevent observers from missing the "subtleties of (his) techniques." Mr. Haedrich's cooking has won him a segment on *Good Morning America,* a prestigious award, and a couple of spokesperson positions.

About three years ago, a crew of seven people from the *Good Morning America* show went to Mr. Haedrich's house in Rumney, New Hampshire. The crew set up at about 7:00 am and didn't leave until 7:00 pm. Mr. Haedrich chuckled as he mentioned that it took 12 hours to shoot five minutes of footage. "That was fun," he said. "They came up here to film me making brunch." The event was arranged to promote his *Country Breakfasts* book.

Home for the Holidays also brought Mr. Haedrich's cooking into the limelight. The International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP) presented Mr. Haedrich with the Julia Child Cookbook award. Mr. Haedrich explained that the award is given once a year, and it was a "nice honor to have won."

After writing his first couple of books, Mr.

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"I could call the shots," he said. "Now I work mainly through libraries." He schedules bookings on his own with the help of area libraries. However, Mr. Haedrich is also currently a national spokesman for Kretschmer Wheat Germ, which is a division of Quaker. Mr. Haedrich will do some promotional events with the company early next year.

Mr. Haedrich also tries to spread his talent by occasionally teaching at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, New Hampshire. He has taught several short-term classes there as well as participating in the institute's baking weekend in the fall every year. Mr. Haedrich tries to teach at the school at least once a year.

Mr. Haedrich also tries to share his culinary knowledge through public demonstrations. In fact, with the help of Lucy Van Patten, the Director of the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, and Katherine Church of the Rochester Woman's Club, residents were lucky enough to have a chance to meet Mr. Haedrich when he breezed through the town on his travels. The residents who attended the event learned to make grilled eggplant roll-ups with herb couscous filling (similar to crepes), lentil pate and tapenade (a dip), thick potato and onion

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focaccia (bread), and polenta lasagna (polenta is a "cornmeal mush with a fancy name").

Everyone who attended received copies of the recipes and, of course, tasting samples. Mr. Haedrich kept the crowds entertained not only with his cooking, but also with stories of his family, his travels, and other demonstrations. For example, he told the audience about a demonstration in which he forgot the jelly preserves for his holiday crepes. Mr. Haedrich was going to go on with the demonstration without the jelly when a lady stood up as she pulled out about six containers of orange marmalade that breakfast restaurants carry. As a result, he no longer makes fun of women with large pocketbooks.

Mr. Haedrich primarily conducts demonstrations

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in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, although this winter he is "off to California" for promotional events with Kretschmer Wheat Germ.

In his demonstrations, as well as at home, Mr. Haedrich uses fresh fruits and vegetables. His recipes are "frugal," he says, with "no specialty ingredients." The secret is pure, natural ingredients — products that are "close to the source," Mr. Haedrich said. "It is as close as I can keep it to country values."

Mr. Haedrich's recipes are also "meatless and magnificent," which happened to be the theme of the recent Rochester demonstration. He has been a vegetarian for about 20 years. "I have a commitment to eating as low on the food chain as possible," he said. "I don't feel it is a good use of natural resources to feed animals grain, and then eat the animals."

However, Mr. Haedrich doesn't like to focus on his vegetarian diet. "To me, a vegetarian diet makes more sense," he said, but he doesn't try to convert his observers and students into vegetarians. He only illustrates the ease and diversity that a vegetarian recipe can provide.

Ever since Mr. Haedrich was young and growing up in Plainfield, New Jersey, he enjoyed being in the kitchen. "The kitchen was the hub," he said. Conversations were started, homework was done and, of course, dinner was prepared around the kitchen table. Mr. Haedrich and his six brothers and sisters used to watch their mother as they told stories and finished homework.

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"If I had any influence at all it was probably my mother," Mr. Haedrich said. "She taught me that when you have people you love in your life, it's natural to want to cook for them. Food brings people together."

Mr. Haedrich currently lives in Rumney, New Hampshire with his wife and four lifelong vegetarian children. With any luck, Mr. Haedrich's children will cherish the memory of their father's kitchen the way he has cherished his mother's.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of Mr. Haedrich's *Catalog for Country Cooks* should write him at: P.O. Box 101, Rumney, NH 03266.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 26, 1996

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:05 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Michele C. Bernier, Selectman Paul E. Lambalot, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 19 meeting before meeting with their first

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appointment on the agenda: Joseph Costa, the Executive Director of the Buzzards Bay Project (BBP). Mr. Costa pointed out that there were some general principles of stormwater management that should be reviewed that apply to many areas around Mattapoisett. These points were written in a letter addressed to the board, which included:

• Many homes in this area were built in or along wetlands and flood zones. Any homeowner who builds or purchases a home in these low-lying areas should expect flooding during periods of exceptionally high groundwater levels or rainfall as we experienced this past late summer and fall;

• Enlarging, straightening, or deepening a stream can sometimes solve very localized problems but rarely improves overall drainage in a watershed;

• New increased impervious surfaces (roads, parking lots, roofs, and driveways) together with increased flow from basement sump pumps and filling of wetlands in these watersheds will worsen flooding and downstream water quality.

Mr. Costa also reviewed the conclusions and recommendations with regards to the specific problems along Pepperbush Lane and Church Street. He added:

• The stormwater flow from the new funeral home on Route 6 does not contribute to stream or stormwater flow in the wetlands on the northeast side of Pepperbush Lane;

• During a site visit, Merle McMaster reported that the problems he had with his pool this fall were related to very high groundwater levels;

• The swale and ditch proposed by Highway Surveyor Wesley Bowman to address the flooding that he has observed could work to redirect flow and more quickly drain the wetland on the northeast side of Pepperbush Lane;

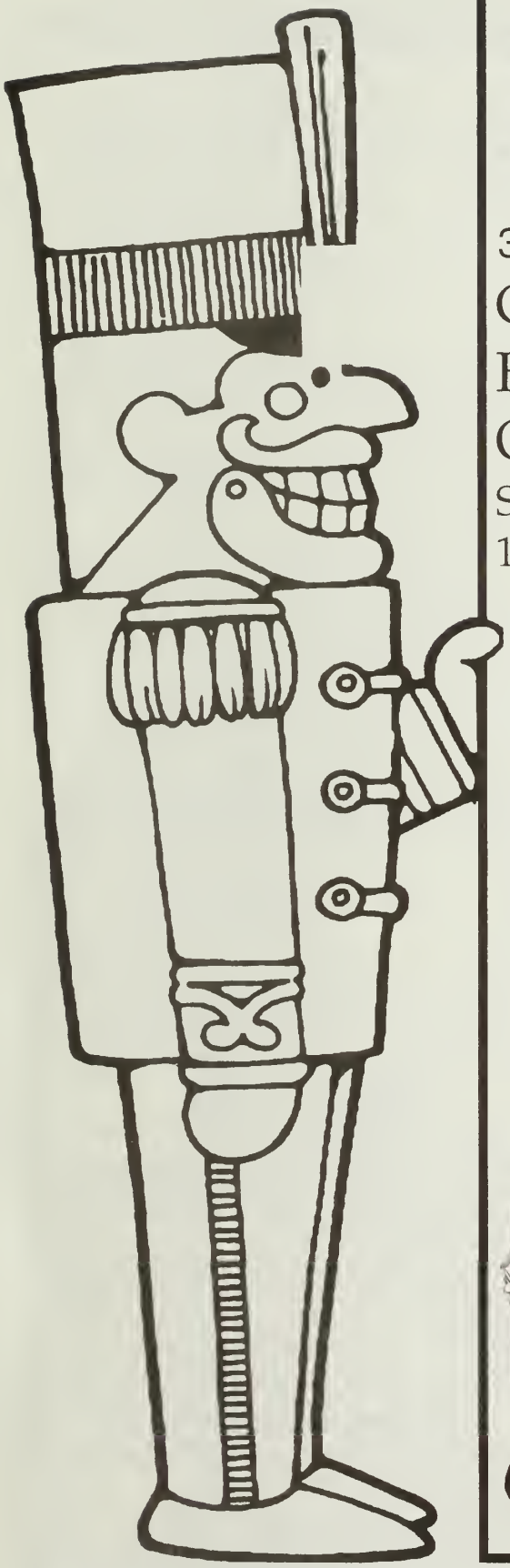
• Stormwater flow from the Police Station and parking lot follows a somewhat complex path through the wetlands on the northeast side of Pepperbush Lane. Mr. Costa will ask one of his staff to meet Mr. Bowman during or after a heavy rainfall to better understand the system;

• When a parking lot or new subdivision in Mattapoisett is constructed, residents and town officials must recognize that the stormwater from new impervious surfaces has only four places to go: the neighbors' property, a stream, a town stormwater system, or it can be retained on-site.

In response to Mr. Costa's comments, Board of Health member Daniel Lee Jr. of Church Street spoke very sternly about the dilemma. He suggested that there be a moratorium placed on the area, stopping all construction on any property in the immediate future. He believes the problem first began with the construction of the former A & P Grocery Store on Route 6. Mr. Lee also said that the BOH unanimously agreed the brook needs to be bigger. "If the BOH has to get tough, we will," he said. "That's the way (we) stand." The issue was far from becoming solved. The Selectmen agreed to look up pertinent information which would be discussed at a later meeting.

Next, the board discussed incoming correspondence from several organizations and residents of the area, including:

• Sergeant Paul H. Magee sent a copy of a letter which he sent to Police Chief James F. Moran involving traffic, parking, and speeding complaints on Shaw Street. Sergeant Magee did not observe any speeding violations, but he did acknowledge because of construction, traffic flow had become more difficult. Chairman DeCosta suggested the back of the school be cleared so teachers could park behind the school. The matter is pending



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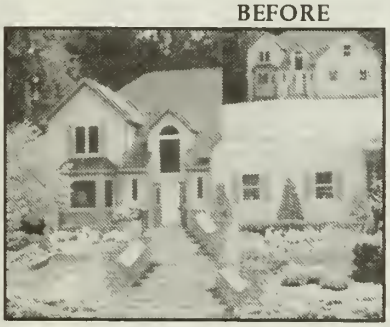

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• The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will be holding a Commission Meeting on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm at the SRPEDD Office in Taunton.

• The New Bedford City Council Special Committee Meeting on New Bedford Airport Expansion Minutes were received. The meeting was very preliminary. They suggested there be an independent commission made up if they want to expand the local economy.

The board then discussed when their meetings will be held during the holiday season. The meeting scheduled for December 24 will be canceled. The meeting scheduled for December 31 will be held on Monday, December 30 at the regularly-scheduled time.

As for shellfish badges and parking permits, they will be available December 1. Shellfish badges will be $20, parking permits will be $4 per vehicle.

Assistant Dog Officer Kathleen M. Massey submitted her 30-day follow-up report on the Jussaume and Lucas dog hearings. In the Jussaume hearing, Ms. Massey said she checked on the situation, and she didn't seem to see a problem existing after the 30-day period. The board closed the hearing on the case.

As for the Lucas case, Ms. Massey said a fence had been erected, and she felt satisfied with the situation. On the other hand, Ms. Lucas' neighbors, Paul Lopes and Mary Redman, felt the situation had not been rectified. Over the last 30 days, they have called the police to complain about the dog barking, especially in the middle of the night. The police reported to the house, ceasing the problem temporarily. Mr. Lopes and Ms. Redman asked for some closure in this situation. The board suggested bringing all parties in for a future meeting to discuss the problem. The matter will further be discussed on December 10.

At 7:45 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss police collective bargaining issues. Upon completion, the board would adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 26, 1996
By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After approving the minutes of the November 19 meeting and signing treasury warrants 22 and 22A for the week, the board unanimously voted to appoint the following as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) with the Town of

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Marion, for a term to expire May 31, 1997: Jeffrey A. Habicht, Kathryn J. Haverty, Ruah M. Purtell, and Helen B. Sittler. The board also unanimously approved the recertification of all alcoholic licenses for 1997.

Chairman Dickerson noted that a scheduled meeting with Senator Marc Pacheco for this evening had been rescheduled for next week, Tuesday, December 3.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Charles Bradley and Vincent Malkowski regarding the town's new Shellfish Permit Fees for 1997. The Marine Resource Commission recently reviewed the fee schedule for Marion and the surrounding towns and came up with the following comparable list of proposed fees:

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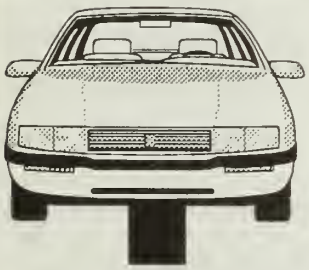

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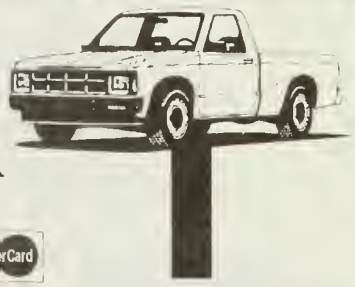

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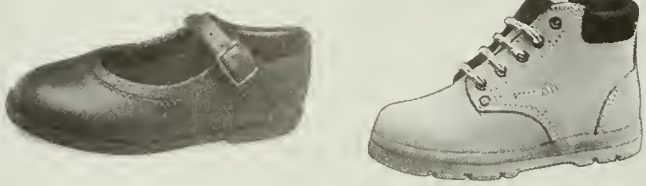

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Mr. Bradley noted that these fees are the result of work which was begun last year, and it is an effort to both bring Marion's fees in line with area towns while encouraging commercial and residential shellfishing. "We really need the commercial and residential shellfishermen in Marion," Mr. Bradley said. "Hopefully, this will encourage them to become more involved in the town's shellfish propagation program."

The board thanked both Mr. Bradley and Mr. Malkowski for their work and unanimously voted to approve the new shellfish license fees as submitted for 1997.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received an invitation from the Sippican Historical Society to attend dedication ceremonies of the new Marion Post Office on Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 pm. The ceremony and ensuing Open House will last until 4:00 pm. The Society also requested that a portion of Front Street between Hiller and Main Street, opposite the Post Office and Historical Society, be closed to traffic from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm during the dedication ceremony. The board asked that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Police Chief Brian J. Scott.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) next sent notification to the Marion Board of Assessors that all real property has been classified according to its use as of January 1, 1996 as required by Chapter 59, Section 2A(b). As such, the Board of Selectmen is required to hold a public hearing on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentages of the tax burden to be borne by each class of property for fiscal year 1997. Mr. Pickles noted that the town's

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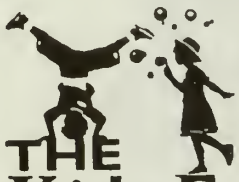

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recap sheet has already been submitted to the DOR, and the expect to receive a response within the next two weeks.

Continental Cablevision of Massachusetts, Inc. next submitted notification of programming and rate changes for Marion cable television subscribers, effective January 1, 1997. The Standard Service package — which includes Basic Broadcast, Cable 1 and Cable 2 — will increase from $24.69 per month to $26.35. Broadcast Basic alone will increase from $8.94 to $9.17 per month; Cable 1 will increase from $6.68 to $7.42 per month; and Cable 2 will increase from $8.97 to $9.76 per month. In addition, WOR (channel 16) will be removed, Court TV will be added as channel 26, and channel 26 (WABU) will move to channel 16.

Chairman Dickerson wanted to know why the standard package rate for Marion users ($26.35) was higher than the one in Mattapoisett ($26.04). Selectman Winters was also concerned that the cost of rewiring certain sections of Marion was not included in the company's expansion costs. "They are supposed to pick up the cost of rewiring," he said. The board agreed to send a letter to Continental Cablevision regarding these matters.

Alex Beichek, Chairman of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals, next sent a letter to the board regarding the sign which has been proposed for the Sprague's Cove Stormwater Remediation Project. According to Mr. Beichek, the sign "will serve a function which is similar to the message content on the rock in front of the Town House and therefore would fall under the same authorization that supported the placement of the rock a number of years back." As such, Mr. Beichek advised that there is no need for a public hearing.

Selectman Winters noted that he'd like to see a preliminary design for the sign before it is installed. Mr. Pickles said a design will be submitted next week for the three- by four-

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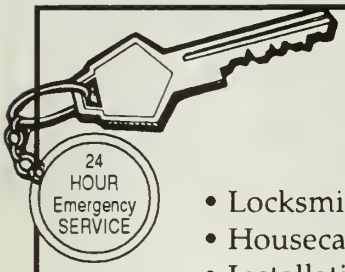

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Senator Marc Pacheco submitted a letter advising that a grant program was recently awarded to cities and towns for reimbursement of costs expended to replace underground storage fuel tanks. According to Senator Pacheco, $2 million has been allocated for fiscal year 1997. These funds are available for work completed after May 19, 1995, and all applications must be submitted by May 30, 1997. Senator Pacheco also noted that the deadline to apply for pre-approved grants is November 29, 1996.

Mr. Pickles said the town is very interested in getting rid of two of the three tanks at the town barn. He added that DPW Superintendent Rob Zora is really concerned about replacing the diesel tank and is looking to install a new, above-ground tank, which may require an article on an upcoming Town Meeting warrant. Right now, there are only six underground

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tanks left in Marion — three at the town barn and three at the housing for the elderly. The board agreed to hold this matter until their meeting next week with Senator Pacheco.

At 7:15 pm the board opened a Public Hearing on a request from the Marion Country Store to open every Sunday from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Chairman Dickerson advised that Marion Country Store was the only liquor store who applied, and they were granted permission last year for this same purpose. The board unanimously approved the request.

Under the DPW report, Chairman Dickerson advised that the town's Rubbish and Recycling Pickup Schedule will change, effective December 1, 1996, as follows:

• Monday Rubbish Route - remain the same (center of town and the Converse Road area);

• Tuesday Rubbish Route - include the East Marion area south of Route 6 only;

• Friday Rubbish Route - include streets in North Marion, which will include all of Route 105 (including side streets), Spring Street Extension, Mill Street Extension, County Road (including all side streets), Point Road from County Road to Route 6 (including all side streets and River's Edge), and Route 6 from the Point Road lights to the Weweantic Bridge (including all side streets).

When there is a Monday holiday, the Monday rubbish pick-up will be Tuesday, and the Tuesday rubbish pick-up will be Wednesday. Friday will remain the same.

Also effective December 1, the Recycling Route will change as follows:

• Monday Rubbish Route - the Recycling will be picked up on the first and third Wednesday of every month;

• Tuesday and Friday Rubbish Route - the Recycling will be picked up on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Monday holidays will not change any recycling pick-ups.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

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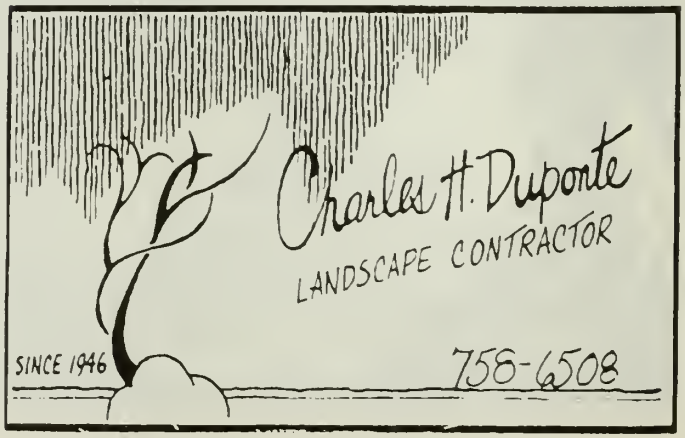
A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 25 at 7:10 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman Richard D. Cutler, Selectman William D. Chamberlain and Secretary Veronica Lafreniere.

The board began the meeting by approving the minutes of the November 18 meeting and reviewing correspondence for the week. They received a letter from William C. Decas of Murray and Decas, Attorneys at Law, regarding a notice of intent by Decas Cranberry Company, Inc. to convert to residential use portions of Lot 3 on Rochester Assessor's Plan 40 which is taxed and classified as agricultural or horticultural land under Chapter 61A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

He requested the board expedite their declination if they chose not to the purchase the land. The board unanimously agreed to sign a form letter for that purpose.

At 7:15 pm the board met with Nancy Leonardi from Continental Cablevision to discuss programming and rate changes. She said she had good news about additional channels Rochester residents will receive as of June 1. An increase in megahertz will provide Rochester with 77 channels and interactive services such as smart boxes which allow parents to restrict selected programming from children.

Separate fibers will also be installed and fed up to 500 homes so that Rochester residents won't be affected by outages in Wareham. "Much of the problems (with reception) are due to outages in Wareham," explained Ms. Leonardi. Since Wareham and Rochester are connected by the same line from the Cape Cod plant, Rochester loses



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service once a break occurs. Separate fibers will prevent that from happening. Cable modems and access to the Internet will also be made possible for the town through the cable company.

Selectman Cutler said it sounded proactive. Ms. Leonardi agreed it was a competitive time period and this was something the cable company was doing to retain customers. Some channels the town will receive include the History Channel, the Sci-Fi Channel, the FX Channel, and Sports Classic channel. The Sports Classic channel will become part of basic rates instead of customers having to pay $10.95 for it.

The standard basic service will go up $1.60 a month or 5 cents a day according to Ms. Leonardi. Some channels will have to be dropped to accommodate the changes, such as WOR, a superstation out of New York. When the project is completed, the cable company will provide each school in the district with a cable modem for Internet access.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Highway Surveyor Jeffrey Eldridge and John Lafreniere of the

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Selectmen also received a letter from the Massachusetts Highway Department explaining the scope of work on Route 105 in Acushnet and Rochester as they previously requested.

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In Rochester the project will begin at the Rochester/Freetown line and proceed southerly to the Acushnet/Rochester line. The board was pleased to receive more information about the project but questioned whether or not this was a "scenic route." They asked Mr. Eldridge to request this information from the state highway department.

Fire Chief Scott Ashworth, who was also at the meeting, submitted a letter regarding the leak monitor at the town gas pump on Dexter Lane. He explained the water leak detection sounded but said he found no leak there. He said the problem could be a faulty sensor or wiring and he wanted to warn the Selectmen it needs to be fixed. The board unanimously supported a motion authorizing him to fix the monitor.

The board also received a letter from Town Accountant Claudette Coutu regarding the police department contract. She needed clarification as to what constitutes in-training and wanted to know the time frame when an officer moves from in-training status to

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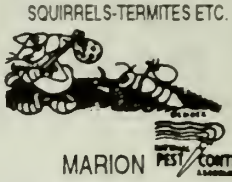
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She also wanted to know if retroactive pay will be due on private and town details. "The rate officers are due is now at $24 on private concerns," she wrote. "The town charges $25 to all private details so revenue to the town to cover our costs has now been reduced from $2 per hour to $1. Do the Selectmen plan to increase this rate to private concerns?"

Selectman Chamberlain explained the officer is in-training until he is signed off by the Chief of Police. They will send a letter to the Town Accountant explaining the training procedure. A motion was made and unanimously approved to inform her that private details are not retroactive but town details are. As far as detail rates, he asked "we do plan to increase the rate?" The board will request that police billing detail clerk Kelly Hartley inform all vendors of the rate change.

Selectman Cutler also discussed an article to be put on the next Town Meeting warrant establishing a revolving fund to pay the officers' details.

A letter was also received from Dianne C. Wood for the Rochester Land Trust (RLT), who wanted to correct an impression that may have been conveyed at the last two Selectmen's meetings about the Rochester Land Trust. "First and most important, the trust is a private organization, having no connection to the town other than the saving of open space in Rochester (which) is our primary aim," she wrote.

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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

November 25, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 25 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Everett L. Hardy Jr. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Robert J. St. Jean, and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

The board first unanimously voted to appoint Selectman Koczera as the town's representative for Selective Service. The board also moved to appoint the "least senior member" of the Board of Selectmen on an annual basis to this position for a one-year term.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received an invitation from the Acushnet Elementary School to attend their Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 26 at 11:00 am. Both Selectman Koczera and Selectman St. Jean planned to attend.

Irwin Marks, Chairman of the Acushnet Historical Commission, next submitted a letter regarding their recent request to transfer money from the commission's trust fund interest account into the principal. Since Town Counsels Kopelman and Paige agreed there was nothing to preclude this transfer, Mr. Marks requested that the Board of Selectmen contact the Commissioner of Trust Funds to arrange for the Town Treasurer to make a transfer of $1,400 from the interest portion of the fund to the principal.

The Historical Commission also unanimously voted to request permission for the Selectmen to seek the advice of Town Counsel as to how to amend the Trust Rules in order to conform with the Department of

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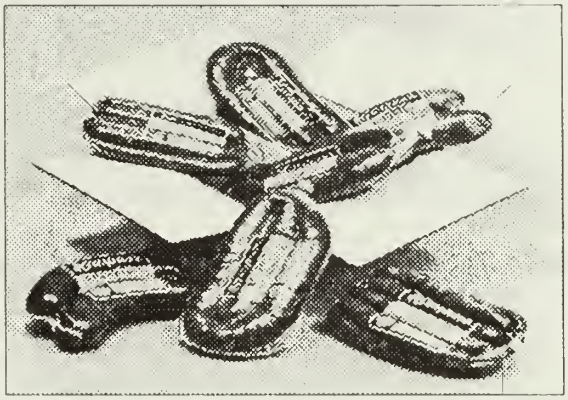

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Fire Chief Paul Cote next sent a letter to the board regarding retreat lots in town. Chief Cote wanted a legal opinion regarding retreat lots and the interpretation of the town by-law regarding them.

Chairman Hardy noted that the Board of Selectmen has already scheduled a meeting with the fire department, police department, EMS department, and Department of Public Works next week (December 2) to discuss this matter in detail. The board, therefore, agreed to reserve comment until that time.

The board next received a letter of resignation from Louise M. DesRoches, who is stepping down from the Old Colony District School Committee due to "other commitments." The board unanimously voted to send a letter of appreciation to Ms. DesRoches for her past work.

Those interested in applying to fill Ms. DesRoches' vacancy on the District School Committee should submit a letter and resume to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Acushnet Town Hall, 122 Main Street by Friday, December 6 at 3:00 pm. The board will meet with the school committee on Monday, December 9 to make the

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appointment.

Building Commissioner James Buckles next requested permission to seek the advice of Town Counsel regarding two pending cease and desist orders. The first is against Julio Johnson pertaining to building code violations and the second is against D & D Pizza for work being done at the proposed White's Family Fun Center without permits. Mr. Buckles said he hasn't issued the cease and desist orders yet, but he just wants to make sure they're "done right," which is why he's seeking a legal opinion. The board unanimously approved his request.

At 6:20 pm the board met with Kenneth Souza of the Acushnet Cable Committee and Wayne Botelho of CVI/Time-Warner to accept and sign the new 10-year

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contract between the Town of Acushnet and Time-Warner Cable. Mr. Souza noted that Town Counsel had reviewed the contract and clarified some of the questions and concerns which Selectman Koczera addressed last week. With that, the board unanimously voted to sign and approve the new contract.

"It's a good contract, (the Cable Committee) is pleased with it and we think the people of Acushnet will be pleased," Mr. Souza said. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Souza and his committee for all their hard work in negotiating the new contract.

At 6:30 pm the board opened a hearing on a request from Maria Barboza, manager of Nine Island Family Restaurant on Main Street, to extend their operating hours on Tuesday, December 31 from 12:00 midnight to 1:30 am to allow for a New Year's Eve celebration.

Several abutters to the establishment were present for the hearing to voice their concerns and complaints about loud music being played at late hours. Resident Esdras Leonor, who lives on Boylston Street behind the restaurant, said he has called the police several times to complain about the noise. "I called the police last weekend ... the music was very loud," Mr. Leonor said. "I'm not against anyone's business, but I want to make a point that I feel something's wrong here."

Joe Raposa, who was speaking on behalf of Ms. Barboza and the restaurant, said they have tried their best to "keep the music down as much as we can." Mr. Raposa even said they have worked to seal the front door and remove the volume control from the juke box so that patrons cannot turn up the music.

But Mr. Leonor said that one night after the police showed up and the music was turned down, it was turned back up shortly after the police left. Selectman Koczera confirmed such an incident was entered in the

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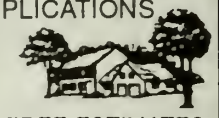

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police log. Mr. Raposa denied that the music was turned up after the police were called.

Although other residents also noted that the music — in particular, the bass "beat" — was very loud and annoying, the board stressed that the reason for this hearing was to extend their hours for one night. "Your comments and complaints have been heard and they are documented with the police department," Chairman Hardy said. "But they're here only to extend their hours to 1:30 on New Year's Eve."

Selectman Koczera agreed. "If New Year's Eve were on a Friday or Saturday night, (they) wouldn't be here making this request," he said. "Because it falls on a weeknight and their liquor license only allows them to stay open until midnight, they need to request an extension."

The board then moved and unanimously approved that Nine Island Restaurant can stay open until 1:30 am on Tuesday, December 31, with music to be stopped at 12:30 am and "last call" to be made at 1:00 am. They didn't, however, dismiss the complaints from residents.

"If these complaints persist, we're going to have (the owners) back here and address this issue again," Selectman Koczera said.

At 7:00 pm the board met with John Capaldi, President of Tilcon Massachusetts, regarding the preparation of a closure plan for the Acushnet quarry in the event that the company either goes out of business or moves from the area. Chairman Hardy said there has been some concern from a few town boards that if Tilcon is sold or changes hands, the town would be saddled with the expense of closing the facility.

Mr. Capaldi said that Tilcon — which was formerly owned by British Tire and Rubber — was recently purchased by an Irish company called CRH, but

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as far as he knows the Acushnet facility is slated to remain in place. "Tilcon has eight asphalt plants, but Acushnet is the only quarry in Massachusetts," Mr. Capaldi said. "This site is the flagship facility ... and even if they sell the Massachusetts operations, I'm sure someone would be interested in buying it."

Selectman Koczera agreed that Tilcon has been a "good neighbor" and he feels they will continue to be a major company in Acushnet, but he also feels a closure plan needs to be submitted in order to plan for the future. "It has nothing to do with the new ownership, but it is something we need to get done," he said. "We just want to make sure that if (Tilcon) disappears, Acushnet isn't stuck with a hole in the ground which nobody owns."

Mr. Capaldi agreed to work on preparing a

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proposed closure plan and said he would be done by mid-February. The board scheduled to meet with him again on February 10 at 7:00 pm to review his proposal.

Chairman Hardy noted that he recently met with the Town Accountant, Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Board of Assessors to discuss the pending tax bills and recent problems they've had in transferring the data to the new computer system. "We'll probably print the tax bills Monday (December 2) and they'll go out sometime next week," he said. "Then the bills will be due the first week of January (1997)."

The board then went into Executive Session to discuss pending contract negotiations and would thereafter adjourn for the evening upon concluding.

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Fairhaven Selectmen's Meeting

November 25, 1996

By Jennifer J. Ouellette

A regular meeting of the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John R. Roderiques. Also present were Selectman John T. Haaland, Selectman Robert T. Hamilton, Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch and Secretary Jan St. Germain. The minutes of the November 15 and November 18 meetings were unanimously approved with several minor changes.

Chairman Roderiques began the meeting by announcing that on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 am the Special Town Meeting preview show will be taped at the cable studio. A financial breakdown of the high school project will be sent in advance by mail to all Town Meeting members.

The first appointment of the evening was with the Harbormaster Kevin Villa. Mr. Villa came before the board with a proposal for a few changes regarding harbor regulations and policies. The first issue addressed was regarding outstanding bills at Union Wharf. Mr. Villa feels that the Board of Selectmen needs to help adopt a better way to get Union Wharf dockage fees. Mr. Villa suggested that the town adopt a policy of prepaid stickers. He felt that the price of the sticker should be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

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outstanding bills to the wharf would be paid before receiving a new sticker, and anyone in a dock slot would be asked to leave. A representative from the Water Advisory Committee was present and felt that the issue was long term. The bottom line is "what is fair for everybody?" the representative said. As long as the sticker is a fair price, the representative felt that there would be no problems. Chairman Roderiques, however, felt that some possible problems could arise. For example, when someone is sold a sticker, he or she is going to expect to a certain extent that a spot will always be available. Chairman Roderiques was not shooting down the idea, he just feels it is necessary to give the issue further consideration.

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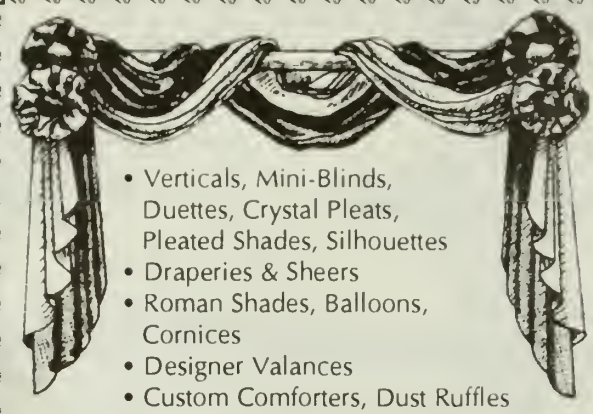

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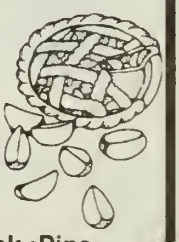

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The next item that Mr. Villa brought before the board was regarding his payroll budget. Mr. Villa asked the board if it would be feasible to have one deputy on per week for "compliance." Executive Secretary Osuch explained that "if (he) wants to add someone at this point, go ahead and add them." Chairman Roderiques agreed, and said that to put a deputy on over the next month or so would be fine.

The final issue Mr. Villa proposed to the board was regarding a request to increase the selling period of shellfishing permits. Currently, shellfish permits are sold from April 1 through April 30. Mr. Villa wants to increase this period by three months — beginning on January 1 through April 30 — in order to accommodate hardships (for example, being laid off). The major problem with this suggestion was how long the permit would be valid.

Mr. Villa told the board that he had intended the permit to be valid straight through until April 30 — even if the permit was bought in January. However, Chairman Roderiques had two problems with this suggestion. First, a person who bought their permit in January would have a fifteen-month fishing time whereas someone who bought their permit in April would only have a twelve-month fishing period. Secondly, a definition of hardship would need to be specified to prevent abuse of the policy.

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At 8:00 pm the board held a public hearing to "receive comments" from the residents of Massasoit Avenue. The board received a request to close the road by several people who reside on or near the road. Before opening the floor to public comment Chairman Roderiques read the correspondence the board received regarding the issue: Raymond Flourent, Chairman of the Planning Board, opposed the road closing; Paul Francis from the Board of Public Works opposed the closing; the Fire Department (including Fire Chief David R. Crowley), Police Department, Town Clerk, and Planning Board, and the Nicholas Nursing Home were all opposed to the closing. Mr. & Ms. Robert Ennis and sixteen neighbors, however, supported the road closing.

After announcing the receipt of these letters, the board opened the floor to the residents who were present at the meeting. First to voice his opinion was Stan Ennis. Mr. Ennis explained that Massasoit Avenue is a private

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way in which "only the owners, not the public, have the right to pass." If the road remained open the speed limit should be reduced, stop signs should be put in place and the road should also be made a one way. "The issue is one of safety," he said.

This past summer, according to Mr. Ennis, two children were hit while riding bicycles, one of which was Mr. Ennis' son Trevor. Claudia August also voiced her concern for public safety. People drive down that road doing 40 or 50 miles an hour, "and I'm not kidding," she said. "This is our little corner of the world. This is why we'd like to see (the issue) resolved," she said. Ms. August asked the board to install a stop sign or increase police enforcement in the area.

Town Meeting member William Potter lives at a point in the road where drivers tend to speed up. "I almost lost my daughter when she was crossing the road with a boy," he said. "The boy was hit. He's lucky he is alive today." Mr. Potter felt that if the road was closed it would be a great benefit to the area.

Lisa Ennis felt it would be of some importance to mention the fact that whenever police or fire vehicles have an emergency, Massasoit Avenue is not used to access Main Street.

After nearly half an hour of discussion the board closed the hearing and began to discuss the issues. "We keep safety issues on all streets very serious," Chairman Roderiques said. "It is certainly an issue that I would consider paramount." Selectman Haaland also agreed that it was "quite clear that there is a big safety issue ... I think we can address that while keeping the road open."

Selectman Haaland suggested that the board have the safety officer examine the road and surrounding area. Selectman Haaland also felt it was important to bring the issue to the attention of the police chief, so that enforcement could be increased in the future. Selectman

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Hamilton concurred and said that the issue is a "matter of balance between safety and access (to main Street) ... We also need to be 'conscious and sensitive' to the safety of youngsters." Selectman Haaland's suggestion to have a safety officer examine the area was made into a motion and accepted unanimously. The board will ask for a report in two weeks.

At 8:30 pm the board met with Fire Chief David Crowley. Chief Crowley sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the structural assessment of the Atlas Tack building that was made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The engineers recommended that the water be shut off to the sprinkler systems that are currently in the old Atlas Tack Factory. The Fire Chief felt it was absolutely "ludicrous" to shut the water off at this point.

According to Chief Crowley, the building has had many fires in it the past — some that have burnt out without any assistance. But without the sprinklers, "any little fire would be a devastating fire." Chief Crowley and the board agreed that the best option would be to tear the building down — the three story portion in the front would remain. Chairman Roderiques made a motion to request a meeting with Paul Craffey from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Chief Crowley was also asked to create a status report packet.

The board also discussed:

• A letter from Wayne Fostin explaining that on November 18, 1996, the Conservation Committee voted to direct Raymond Robitaille of 4 Ellis Avenue to remove by hand all fill placed on his property;

• A request from the Library Trustees to appoint a trustee for the Millicent Library. The library trustees recommended the appointment of Ernestine Locke. However, the board voted to appoint Shelley Moniz because she resides in an under-represented area of town;

• Two parking approval requests from the Police

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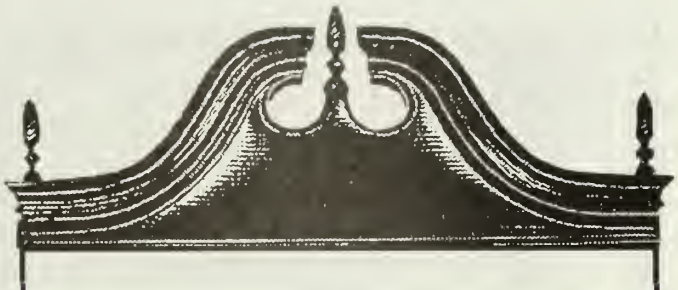

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Department. The first was a "No Parking" area across from 8 Lafayette Street. The board voted to ask the Police Chief to define the no parking area. The second were "No Parking Between" signs in the area of Homestead Avenue. The board unanimously agreed to grant both requests.

Sports Shorts

By Pamela L. Sylvia

■ **Old Colony Regional Voke**

• In **Football**, the Cougars defeated Cape Cod Tech on Saturday, November 23, by the score of 22-8. The victory improved their record to 6-4 overall, and a perfect 4-0 divisional season. The Cougars are headed for their second straight Division 6 Super Bowl on December 7. With .07 seconds remaining in the game, Senior running back **Chris Taylor** broke his team's all-time record by scoring his third touchdown of the day to up his two-year total to 19. Congratulations and good luck to the Cougars!

Sports Spotlight

Turkey Day Rivalry Roars Close

By Pamela Sylvia

Whether the morning sun shines, the winter winds whip, or a slight snowfall appears, people flock to local high school stadiums on Thanksgiving morning. Even though several reasons exist as to why fans, family, and alumni gather, one dominant reason prevails — football.

To many, the Thanksgiving Day game is the most significant of the high school season. To Old Rochester Regional High School **Football Coach Craig Sherman**, this game will determine how successful the team's season really is.

The **ORR Bulldogs**, with an overall record of 6-3-1, were slated to travel to Apponequet Thursday morning to write another chapter in their rivalry. Since Mr.

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Working up to this week's match-up, Coach Sherman feels confident about his team's chances. But he also realizes they have played some sound football up to this point. "Before we started, we were hoping to play some decent football," he said. "We lost three key all-league starters to graduation. We needed to fill those positions. Plus, some kids changed where they wanted to play, so we had all kinds of questions."

Having such questions, Coach Sherman would be satisfied with an overall record of 7-3-1. "If we can play our best, and be the best football team, we should win, he said. "If we don't, our season will really not be a success."

But why does Coach Sherman overly concern himself and his team with this one game? A couple of years ago, Apponequet beat the Bulldogs, knocking them out of Super Bowl contention. "We should have won that game," he said. "That one loss was probably the most crucial one for me."

But what do the Bulldogs have planned for the 2-7 Lakers? Coach Sherman promised an emotional game for leaving seniors, as well as the rest of the team and coaches. "We will just come up with a game plan, and

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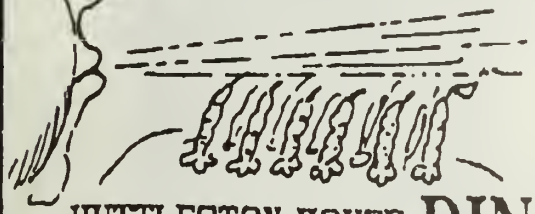

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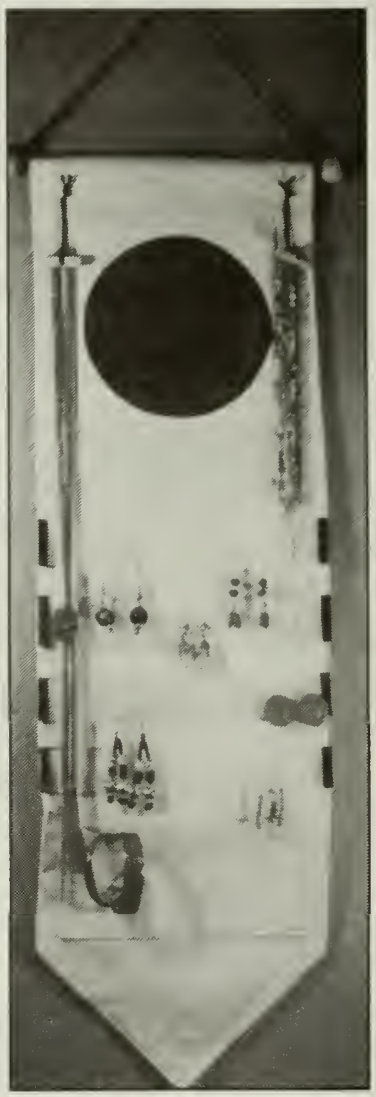

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we'll be emotionally ready to play the traditional game," he said.

The turkey day game is considered to be the second season in high school football. Regardless of records, this match is sure to be a heated contest.

St. Anthony's Christmas Fair

St. Anthony's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in St. Anthony's Church Hall on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. The theme of the fair will be "Christmas Joy," and will feature a Polish tradition, Oplatec, the sharing of the Christmas wafer, introduced at the fair last year by Nancy Fleming. It will be highlighted with a specially-decorated table.

The fair will have a Pantry Shop where baked goods, preserves and candies can be purchased. Also, a Greens Table and decorated baskets will be available. The Next-to-New Table will provide treasures and bargains. The Knit Table will have many handmade creations for the young and old.

The Boutique will also feature one-of-a-kind articles. The Chinese Auction will include donated items from parishioners and local businesses. The Children's Room will have many items specially-priced for children and there will be games played.

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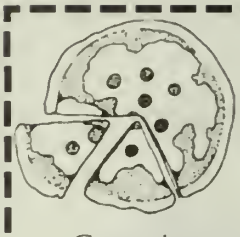
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Senior Christmas Party

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging and the Friends of the Elderly invite all Mattapoisett seniors to a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4 at the Senior Center. Sandwiches, punch, cake and coffee will be served at 11:30 am after which Rick Olsen, who has 25 years' experience as a night club performer, will present an entertaining program of music, songs and tales. In order to be prepared, please call the COA office at 758-4110 to let them know if you are planning to attend and if you need van transportation.

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Christmas Celebration in Acushnet

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The Marion Museum of Natural History will hold their first annual Jewelry Open House and Sale on Saturday morning, December 9 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will feature hand-crafted jewelry made from semi-precious gems, hand-blown glass, porcelain, and ethnic beads. Prices are extremely reasonable. The jewelry designs are from Available Light Jewelry and are made and designed by Maggie Caverly. The museum is located above the Elizabeth Tabor Library and admission is FREE.

Rochester Democratic Committee

A meeting of the Rochester Democratic Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm at 32 Braley Hill Road in Rochester. Anyone interested in attending may call 763-2795 for more information.

Tri-Town Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester will have their combined November-December meeting on Sunday, December 8 at 8:30 am for breakfast and a Christmas presentation of unique gift suggestions for all ages. The meeting will be held in St.

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The presentation will include gifts for parents, grandparents, children of all ages, as well as spouses or special friends. Breakfast will be optional at $4 per person. The next meeting will be held in late January with a presentation of the new University of Massachusetts Marine facility in New Bedford.

Sippican Choral Society Prepares for Concert

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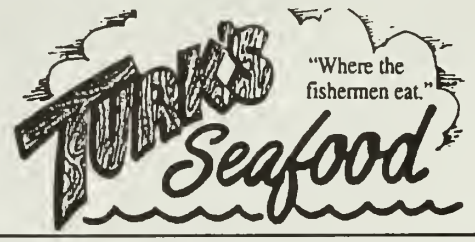

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Choral Society will perform its 33rd Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm in Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel in Marion. This year the chorus, accompanied by orchestra, will present two major pieces: the "Gloria" from J. S. Bach's *Christmas Cantata* and Haydn's *Te Deum*.

The chorus will sing several other Christmas pieces, including "Of the Father's Love Begotten," arranged by Crosier. This will be sung in procession at the beginning of the concert and will be accompanied by handbells.

Victoria's "O Magnum Mysterium," "Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day" (arranged by Gardner), Cornelius' "The Three Kings" (solo by Ruth Rice), and Leroy Anderson's popular "Sleigh Ride" are also on the program, as well as traditional carols which the audience is invited to sing with the chorus.

Now beginning its 33rd season, the 90-member Sippican Choral Society is under the direction of Peter West, with Corrine Peck as accompanist. The group performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as works from the musical theater.

Last December, for instance, the chorus performed Vivaldi's "Gloria," and this past spring the chorus showed its versatility by performing classical, folk, and Broadway medleys. The chorus also gave one performance during the summer with the Marion Town

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Tickets for the December 8 Christmas Concert are $8 per person and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett, Margaret's Hallmark Card Shop in Wareham, and Fairhaven One-Hour Photo (newly-located in the Fairhaven Center for Business on Alden Road). Chorus members also have tickets for sale. While the concert is usually sold out, there may be a few tickets available at the door on the day of the concert.

Doors to Wickenden Chapel open at 3:30 pm. Handicapped parking and entrance are to the rear of the chapel.

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The speaker this month will be David A. Johnson, Resident Engineer for the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. David is in charge of the Herring Weir Reconstruction Project currently underway on River Road and has kindly accepted the invitation to speak on this multi-town project.

Callers are reminded to report their lists not later than 9:00 pm on December 2. Last-minute changes or reservations can be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-3731.

Tri-County Holiday Concert

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15 to attend and enjoy the traditional Christmas Pops concert presented by the Tri-County Symphonic Band in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth beginning at 3:00 pm.

Music Director George Dietzler has chosen a program in tune with the season and sure to please ranging from Felix Mendelsohn's "There Shall a Star from Jacob" from the "Christus" to Jay Dawson's arrangement of the old favorite "Jingle Bells." Other featured numbers include Alfred Reed's arrangement of "Festive Sounds of Hanukah" and a "Christmas Sing-along" arranged by James Ployhar. An extra treat will be selections performed by a brass quintet.

The entire family will enjoy this special concert, an event in a season that means "family." Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and are available at the Symphony Music Shop (Westport), the Shawmut Diner (New Bedford), the Bookstall (Marion), and Margaret's Hallmark Card (Wareham). Tickets will also be available at the door. Children under 5 are admitted FREE.

Plumb Memorial Library - Rochester

Adult Book Discussion

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Library Hours

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Winter/Holiday Crafts

There will be a Winter/Holiday Craft Program for children and young adults on Saturday, December 14 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Participants will be making paper crafts, ornaments, and items that can be given as gifts. This program is not recommended for children under four. Registration is required and younger children will need the assistance of a parent.

Health Information Grant

The Plumb Memorial Library was recently awarded a federal Health Information Grant, which will allow them to provide new library materials on health and healing, as well as provide programs to all age groups. New books and videos have been ordered and are arriving daily on all aspects of physical and mental health, traditional and alternative medicine, spiritual healing, and more. The library sponsored their first program, "Meatless and Magnificent," which was a

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Christmas Fair in Acushnet

The Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church on 67 Main Street in Acushnet is sponsoring an Old Fashioned Christmas Fair on Friday, December 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and on Saturday, December 7 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on December 6, and lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm on December 7.

The fair will feature crafts, Christmas items, jewelry, produce, books, plants, candy, homemade pastries, face painting, a Grandma's attic, and photos with Santa.

Holiday House Tour in Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Colonial Club and Fairhaven Historical Society will present the "Annual Holiday House Tour" on Sunday, December 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Tickets are $10 in advance, or $12 the day of the tour and can be purchased at the Fairhaven Visitors Center (27 Center Street), the Millicent Library or the Euro Ship Store. Maps for the locations and admission to the homes should be picked up at the Fairhaven Visitors Center on the day of the tour.

Mattapoisett Citizens' Initiative

Are you wondering what the current status is of the North Street rebuilding project in Mattapoisett? Or what the status is of the proposed Rand Development of the Nunes property at Brandt Point?

Then attend a meeting with the Mattapoisett Selectmen on Tuesday night, December 3 at 7:30 pm on the second floor of the Mattapoisett Town Hall. The meeting was requested by the Mattapoisett Citizens' Initiative (MCI).

Other issues the Selectmen have been asked to address include an update on the gasoline leak at the Police Station and monitoring results; an update on planning for future gasoline storage; the status of formulating job descriptions for appointees and what steps can be taken to place the Town Meeting warrant into the hands of voters on a more timely basis.

On the following night, Wednesday, December 4

at 7:30 pm, the regular monthly meeting of the MCI is planned at the Town Hall. This meeting will consist of further discussion on these and other issues. Group leader for that evening will be Cindy Johnson. Anyone with an interest in these specific issues or in other matters affecting Mattapoisett and its future is invited to attend either meeting.

Rochester School Council

The Rochester Memorial School seeks a community representative to serve on the School Council. This person should be a resident of the Town of Rochester and/or an agency/business person who does not presently have children enrolled in the school.

The Council serves as an advisory panel to the Principal while developing and overseeing the Annual School Improvement Plan. The meetings are held monthly from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. A person who would be willing to make a two-year commitment is sought.

Any person who is interested in this position should contact Ms. Elizabeth McDonald at the Memorial School (763-2049).

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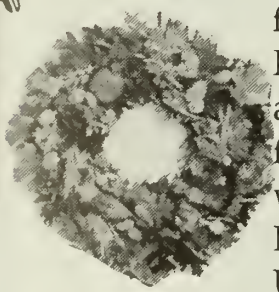

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Handy's Tavern Tour in Marion

The Sippican Woman's Club will present its Tenth Annual "Christmas Around Handy's Tavern and House Tour" on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year's tour brings the entire village of Marion into a very special day of celebration. The tour begins at the Woman's Club House, Handy's Tavern, which was built in 1812 to serve seamen in the busy seaport of Sippican.

Wassail will be served from the newly-renovated kitchen. "A Teddy Bear's Antique Christmas" will also feature antique bears from the collection of Lu Chevrier and antique miniature furnishings through the courtesy of club members and friends. Antique quilts from the collection of Emily McLaughlin of Perry Farm Patchworks in Acushnet will also be on display.

Chairperson Renata Briggs and her committee have spent months preparing for this event. Five private homes will be open on the tour and decorated for the holidays by local florists. This year's designers are Eden Landscapes (Marion), Mary Zino (Wareham), A Flower Works (Marion), Blossoms (Mattapoisett), and Reed Florist (Dartmouth). Members of the club will host homes, providing information on the special features of each.

The grand opening of the renovated Marion Post Office will take place at 1:00 pm. The Sippican Historical Society has recently renovated the post office to look as it did at the turn of the century. A special commemorative cancellation stamp celebrating the renovation will be available for purchase.

The Marion Art Center will present "A Festival of Trees," featuring fine arts and crafts for sale displayed in, on, and around 50 trees of various sizes, decorated for the holidays. Demonstrations of scrimshaw and weaving plus candy cane making the old-fashioned way will take place between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The First Congregational Church Community Center will host a luncheon and holiday shop. Tickets are $6. A Sugar Plum Tea in the Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Church on South Street will offer tea, coffee, and Christmas goodies before, during and after the tour, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Tickets for the House Tour are $12 in advance and $15 the day of the event. They can be purchased at the following locations in Marion: the Marion General Store, the Bookstall, the Sitting Duck, the Emporium, and the Ansel Gurney House. In Mattapoisett, tickets are available at the Opulent Owl.

The House Tour is the Sippican Woman's Club's only fund-raising event. Proceeds are used to establish scholarships for area students. For additional ticket information, please call 748-2461.

Women's Community Guild

The Women's Community Guild of Mattapoisett will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 1:00 pm at Reynard Hall. The program will be presented by the Center School Chorus under the direction of Jean West. This is always a delightful program, and we cordially invite guests to attend.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

The Fin, Fur and Feather Club of Mattapoisett invites the public to join members for its annual Christmas Turkey Dinner on Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Clubhouse, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett. Tickets are $6 and will be available at the door. The club also welcomes the public for trapshooting every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting. The cost is $2.25 per round.

Adoptable Animals

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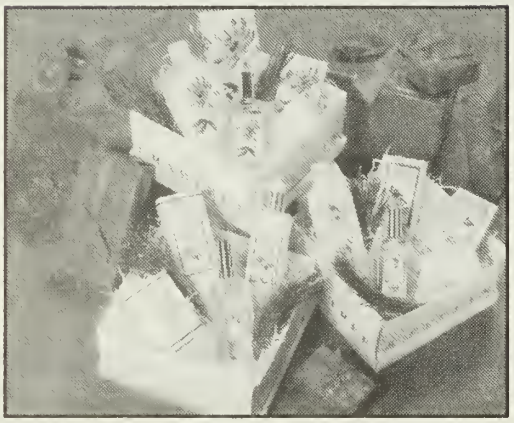

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If interested in any of these animals, please call one of the local Animal Umbrella representatives (unless otherwise noted):

• Mary Lou at 758-9202;

• Priscilla at 758-2896;

• Trudy at 990-7806.

If looking to adopt a dog, please consider the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. There are many dogs in need of good homes, including a female rottweiler, a husky, two terrier-type pooches, and several mixed breeds — all of which would make wonderful pets. The Fairhaven Animal Shelter is located on Bridge Street across from Wal-Mart. Please call Kristen at 979-4028 if interested.

Animal Umbrella is also searching for a place to buy or rent where they could shelter cats and kittens for the winter months while waiting to be adopted. They also need a heated place where animals can recuperate from surgery before being released. If you can help, please call one of the aforementioned representatives.

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Marion Art Center

Festival of Trees

An exhibition and sale with 50 decorated trees and vignettes displaying fine art and crafts, decorations, and gifts for everyone will be held at the Marion Art Center beginning with a gala opening on Friday, November 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The exhibit will remain open through December 21, with extended hours of Monday through Saturday, 10:00 to 5:00, and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00.

Children's Tea Party

A Children's Tea Party will be held on Saturday, December 7 with two seatings at 1:00 and 2:30 pm. Tickets

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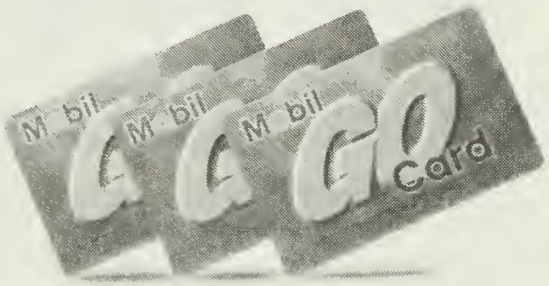

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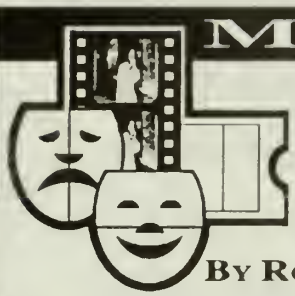

First Contact puts Next Generation crew back on *Trek*

BY ROB GONSALVES

• *Star Trek: First Contact*. Starring Patrick Stewart, Alfre Woodard, and Alice Krige. Directed by Jonathan Frakes. Running time: 112 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 8 in North Dartmouth.

According to the *Star Trek* Law of Sequels, every even-numbered Trek film must be good, while every odd one is lame. Thus *Star Trek: First Contact*, the second feature with the *Next Generation* crew, runs rings around its stiff predecessor (1994's *Star Trek Generations).* The storytelling is tight, the style loose and limber, and it moves with great confidence and speed; it caught me up in the first shot and never let me down.

I never watched *Next Generation* on TV, so the movie's frightening villains, the Borgs (short for "cyborgs," I assume), are pleasantly new to me. Looking like a cross between the Terminator and George Romero's zombies, these creatures go about "assimilating" entire races in a sick, fascist quest for "perfection." Their new target for self-actualization is Earth.

The Borgs are nothing if not strategic: they go back in time to 2063, planning to stomp us before we can achieve warp speed and make "first contact" with other sentient life. The *Enterprise*, led by Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart), swoops to our defense, driven by more than simple urgency. Picard, it seems, was once assimilated by the Borgs. He seethes at the memory. For him, this is a matter of avenging soul-rape.

First Contact was written by Trek vets Brannon Braga and Ronald D. Moore, whose script for *Generations* ran in migraine-inducing circles trying to get Kirk and Picard together. The new story gets twisty at times, but it's much more focused and allows for meatier characters: Dr. Cochrane (James Cromwell), who will pioneer warp flight, and his friend Lily (Alfre Woodard), who pulls Picard back from his righteous disgust.

We soon meet the source of his wrath: the Borg Queen, played by Alice Krige with an animal sexuality that cuts right through her icy latex. This self-satisfied Queen is intimate with male weakness. When she captures the droid Data (Brent Spiner) and activates his emotion chip, he can't help responding to her — especially when she grafts human flesh onto his arm and blows on it tenderly. This bit of porno-horror is worthy of David Cronenberg *(Naked Lunch)* at his diabolical best.

Series star Jonathan Frakes, who modestly scales back his screen time as Commander Riker, makes his feature directing debut here (he also helmed a few of the TV episodes). Frakes is a natural-born director: decisive and bold. His already-legendary opening shot — beginning inside Patrick Stewart's eye and pulling back endlessly to reveal the massive Borg ship — is exuberantly show-offy. And he keeps the action crisp and tense, like Nicholas Meyer's work in *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.*

Overall, I had as much fun at *First Contact* as a non-Trekkie can have. Like *Star Trek II,* it navigates smoothly between literary allusions (both films nod to Melville) and gentle self-parody. In one goofy sequence, the ship's counselor Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis) gets drunk; the elegant Sirtis is rather fetching when she's loaded. And then there's that Borg Queen. One look at her and you understand how she got under poor Picard's skin. She could inspire wet nightmares.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140
376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (November 29) through Thursday (December 5)
Space Jam* (PG) – Fri-Sun: 12:15, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 7:15, 8:15
Sleepers (R) – Fri-Sun: 8:00; Mon-Thu: 9:00
The Grass Harp (PG) – Fri-Sun: 12:15, 5:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 9:00
Big Night (R) – Fri-Sun: 2:30, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30
Set It Off (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00
Secrets and Lies (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00; Mon-Thu: 7:30

****No passes or discount coupons accepted for these shows. Bargain Matinees Saturday and Sunday before 6:00 pm.***

■ GENERAL CINEMA 8
Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141 / Office: 999-3142.

Friday (November 29) through Thursday (December 5)
Jingle All the Way (PG) – Fri-Sun: 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40
Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:40
101 Dalmatians (G) – Fri-Sun: 11:20, 12:30, 1:50, 3:30, 4:40, 6:40 7:10, 9:10, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 1:10, 1:50, 4:00, 4:40, 6:40, 7:10, 9:10, 9:30
Ransom (R) – 1:20, 1:50, 4:00, 4:30, 6:40, 7:00, 9:10, 9:30
The English Patient (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:40, 4:20, 8:00; Mon-Thu: 1:40, 4:50, 8:00

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Demonstration Day

A demonstration of Old-Fashioned Candy-Cane Making, Weaving, Scrimshaw, and other crafts will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Marion Art Center.

Young People's Theater

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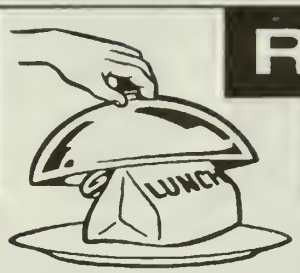

■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY
Monday, December 2 — Chicken nuggets, rice, corn, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Tuesday, December 3 — Steak'Ums with cheese, French fries, carrots, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Wednesday, December 4 — Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, December 5 — Linguiça on a bun, oven potatoes, peas, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, December 6 — Pizzeria pizza with pepperoni, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, corn cobbett, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 3 — Baked macaroni and cheese, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/sub, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 4 — Ravioli, French bread, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, cookie, milk.
Thursday, December 5 — Pizza, or tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY SERVICES
Monday, December 2 — Pork roast with gravy, Lyonnaise potatoes, hubbard squash, branola bread, canned peaches.
Tuesday, December 3 — Hamburger, chow mein noodles, Oriental vegetables, white bread, applesauce.
Wednesday, December 4 — Beef barley soup, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, carrots and lima beans, corn bread, pudding.
Thursday, December 5 — Top round of beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, marble bread, apple.
Friday, December 6 — Cod fish cakes with tartar sauce, potato wedges, peas, wheat bread, gingerbread.
For reservations/cancellations, call 999-6400, extension 70 or 68 at least 24 hours in advance. Menu is subject to change without notice.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY
Monday, December 2 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop and gravy, chicken salad sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pears, strawberry/banana jello with topping.
Tuesday, December 3 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein with noodles, Steak'Um and cheese, steamed rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, peaches.
Wednesday, December 4 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, mac rib sub, oven fries, corn, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, December 5 — Kentucky style chicken, Steak'Um and cheese sub, shaved ham and cheese on rye, scalloped potatoes, carrots, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Friday, December 6 — Meatballs in sauce over spaghetti, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, "hero" sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, orange jello with topping.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, hot ham and cheese, tuna salad, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 3 — Kentucky style chicken, Sloppy Joe on a bun, "hero" grinder, au gratin potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, apple crisp with topping.
Wednesday, December 4 — Baked macaroni and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken salad, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, December 5 — Yankee pot roast with gravy, shaved turkey club, hot dog on a roll, whipped potatoes, carrots, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Friday, December 6 — American chop suey, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, mac rib, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, cherry jello with topping.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Chicken nuggets, rice, corn, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Tuesday, December 3 — Steak'Ums with cheese, French fries, carrots, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Wednesday, December 4 — Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, December 5 — Linguiça on a bun, oven potatoes, peas, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, December 6 — Pizzeria pizza with pepperoni, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop and gravy, chicken salad sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pears, strawberry/banana jello with topping.
Tuesday, December 3 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein with noodles, Steak'Um and cheese, steamed rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, peaches.
Wednesday, December 4 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, mac rib sub, oven fries, corn, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, December 5 — Kentucky style chicken, Steak'Um and cheese sub, shaved ham and cheese on rye, scalloped potatoes, carrots, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Friday, December 6 — Meatballs in sauce over spaghetti, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, "hero" sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, orange jello with topping.

■ ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, corn cobbett, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 3 — Baked macaroni and cheese, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/sub, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 4 — Ravioli, French bread, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, cookie, milk.
Thursday, December 5 — Pizza, or tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE
Monday, December 2 — Fruit juice, Steak'Um and cheese, fries, green beans, frosted cake.
Tuesday, December 3 — Italian grinder, hash brown patty, corn, vegetable sticks, pudding.
Wednesday, December 4 — Kale soup, cheeseburger, potato chips, peas, fruit cup.
Thursday, December 5 — Orange juice, pasta with meat sauce, salad, roll, cookie.
Friday, December 6 — Pepperoni pizza, potato rounds, mixed vegetables, fruit, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, corn cobbett, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 3 — Baked macaroni and cheese, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/sub, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 4 — Ravioli, French bread, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, cookie, milk.
Thursday, December 5 — Pizza, or tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice, milk.

■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Soup, pastrami with cheese, chicken patty, celery sticks, pickles, fruit, juice or milk.
Tuesday, December 3 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, or steak with cheese sub, garlic bread, green beans, fruit, juice or milk.
Wednesday, December 4 — Soup, teriyaki beef patty, or chicken fritters, lettuce and tomato, potato puff, fruit, juice or milk.
Thursday, December 5 — Chicken fajita pocket, or BBQ ribs, lettuce and tomato, salsa, cheese, nachos, fruit, juice or milk.
Friday, December 6 — Muffins, bagels, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, corn cobbett, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 3 — Baked macaroni and cheese, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/sub, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 4 — Ravioli, French bread, or toasted cheese, soup, salad, cookie, milk.
Thursday, December 5 — Pizza, or tuna roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
Monday, December 2 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop and gravy, chicken salad sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pears, strawberry/banana jello with topping.
Tuesday, December 3 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein with noodles, Steak'Um and cheese, steamed rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, peaches.
Wednesday, December 4 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, mac rib sub, oven fries, corn, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie.
Thursday, December 5 — Kentucky style chicken, Steak'Um and cheese sub, shaved ham and cheese on rye, scalloped potatoes, carrots, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Friday, December 6 — Meatballs in sauce over spaghetti, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, "hero" sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, orange jello with topping.

Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 pm; and Wednesday, December 18 at 4:00 pm. Admission is FREE.

Bishop Stang Placement Exam

Bishop Stang High School has scheduled a placement exam on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 am. All eighth grade students interested in attending Bishop Stang next year should take the test which is used for course placement purposes. Students should arrive at 7:45 am and expect to remain until approximately 11:30 am. Pencils are provided and the use of calculators is not permitted.

The testing fee is $10 and is due the morning of the test. There is no pre-registration. Application packets for Bishop Stang High School will be distributed at the placement exam. Students unable to attend December 7 may take the test on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 am. Questions concerning enrollment at Bishop Stang may be directed to Al Catelli, Admissions Director at 996-5602.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for December, 1996. All meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm.

- Wednesday, December 4 - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Monday, December 9 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, December 10 - ORR District School Committee in the ORR High School Library;
- Thursday, December 19 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Marion Garden Group Auction

As part of its fortieth anniversary celebration, the Marion Garden Discussion Group will hold its annual Christmas Auction at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 10 in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall. The general public is cordially invited to participate in the event which is the principal fund raiser for the club. The proceeds will be used by the Garden Group in its efforts to beautify the Town of Marion. The Marion Garden Discussion Group is responsible for the lovely flower arrangements seen throughout the village. The horse trough, flower boxes, and cedar barrels are seasonally decorated, adding greatly to the ambience of Marion's public and business areas.

Back by popular demand, Ms. Annie Rockwell will wield the auctioneer's gavel. Wonderful centerpieces, evergreen swags, wreaths, and a host of other holiday decorations created by members themselves to beautify homes or offices will be offered for sale, and a supply table will be available for those who wish to purchase materials for their own holiday creations.

Refreshments will be served before the festivities begin, and a large holiday basket containing items donated by local merchants will be raffled off. For those

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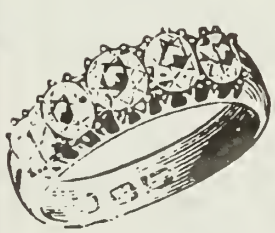

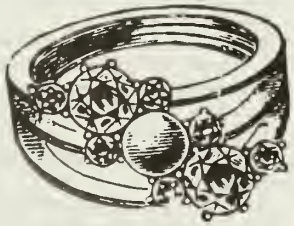

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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 18 through November 24, 1996:

- South Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Hamlin Street – neighbor problems
- Jean Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- St. Lawrence Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – neighbor problems
- Middle Road – robbery with knife/cutting instrument
- Wayland Estates – littering
- Main Street – humane/injured animals
- Hope Street – neighbor problems
- Tobey Street – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Mill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Perry Hill Road – humane call/injured animals
- Ashley Orchards – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Hope Street – vandalism
- South Main Street – vandalism
- Middle Road – domestic disturbance
- Garfield Street – runaway
- Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Middle Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- St. Lawrence Street – harassment
- Wamsutta Avenue – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Peckham Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Lake Street – harassment
- Cedar Hill Drive – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Leonard Street - assault with hands/fists
- Hamlin Street – summons issued (operating of uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates)
- Hathaway Road – shots fired
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Roosevelt Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Hope Street – neighbor problems
- Slocum Street – domestic disturbance
- Slocum Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle)
- South Main Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, negligent operating of motor vehicle)
- South Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, failure to drive in right lane)
- Henrietta Drive – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Lambert Street – breaking and entering/unlawful entry
- Mattapoisett Road – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Beech Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- South Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Rock Street - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Darling Street – domestic disturbance.

■ FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 18 through November 25, 1996:

- Huttleston Avenue – assault
- Main Street - animal complaint
- Adams Street - vandalism
- Deane Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Washington Street – suspicious person
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment)
- Green Street - adult arrest (larceny by check, default warrant)
- Center Street – accident/property damage
- Fairhaven Commons Way – juvenile arrest (shoplifting)
- Plaza Way – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Huttleston Avenue – vandalism
- Howland Road – accident/pedestrian
- Manhattan Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Road – suspicious person
- Ebony Street – animal complaint
- Main Street – vandalism
- Sycamore Street – larceny
- Manhattan Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Chestnut Street – missing person
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, speeding)
- Hedge Street – suspicious person
- Sconticut Neck Road – disorderly conduct
- Seaview Avenue – animal complaint
- Main Street – adult arrest (motor vehicle offenses, warrant)
- McGann Terrace – disturbance/loud noise
- Blossom Street – disorderly conduct
- Bridge Street – accident/property damage
- Blossom Street – adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic)
- Adams Street - vandalism
- Howland Street - adult arrest (operating motor vehicle without a license)
- Oxford Street - vandalism
- Middle Street – adult arrest (assault and battery with a dangerous weapon)
- Huttleston Avenue – disorderly conduct
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (warrant)
- Alden Road – adult arrest (shoplifting, second offense)
- Canter Street – domestic violence
- Howland Road – adult arrest (disorderly conduct)
- Plaza Way – adult arrest (outstanding fines, warrant)
- Route 240 – adult arrest (unlicensed operating of motor vehicle)
- Bridge Street – larceny
- Fairhaven Commons Way – accident/hit and run.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 17 through November 23, 1996:

- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Ryders Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – protective custody (operating under the influence)
- South Street – larceny/past
- Route 195 West – adult arrest (default, motor vehicle violations)
- Dexter Road – larceny/past
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Converse Road – animal complaint
- Cranberry Way – juvenile offense
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/injury
- County Road – abandoned 911 call
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Front Street – annoying phone calls
- Front Street – suspicious person
- Route 195 West – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates to a motor vehicle)
- Zora Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Moorings Road – animal complaint
- Spring Street – animal complaint.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 19 through November 26, 1996:

- Railroad Avenue – harassing phone calls
- North Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- North Street – suspicious activity
- Main Street – alarm
- Gosnold Street – alarm
- Brandt Island Road – illegal hunting
- County Road – alarm
- Driscoll Lane – disturbance/house party
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Long Plain Road – vandalism/destruction of property
- Fairhaven Road – after-hour drinking at establishment
- North Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – motor vehicle theft/recovered motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – dog hit by motor vehicle
- Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant).

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 18 through November 25, 1996:

- New Bedford Road – vandalism
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Bassett Street - dog complaint
- Neck Road – officer wanted
- Bradford Lane – suspicious activity
- Annie Maxim Home – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 105 – suspicious activity
- Hartley Road – motor vehicle stop/adult arrest
- Alley Road – suspicious activity
- Route 28 – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- Clapp Road – animal control matter
- Old Colony Regional Voke – suspicious motor vehicle
- Braley Hill Road – alarm
- Braley Hill Road – dead deer in road
- Bowen's Lane – alarm
- Taber Lane – officer wanted
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- Sylva Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Robinson Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pierce Street – vandalism
- Plumb Corner Mall – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 58 – motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Stuart Road – vandalism
- Alley Road – vandalism
- Bates Road – trespassing
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle hit deer.

with young children, baby-sitting will be provided free of charge in an adjoining room.

ORR School District

Financial Aid Night

The ORR Guidance Department will sponsor the annual Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the ORR Cafeteria. Parents of ORR seniors should make every effort to attend this most important and informative presentation.

Financial aid is a critical issue for all students contemplating post-secondary education. Students may qualify for aid for further education at a trade/technical school, community college, junior college, or four-year-college or university. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid. It is almost impossible to predict how this process may affect the students and the decisions which need to be made in the next few months. The financial aid process has changed and may be handled differently from one college to another.

Filling out forms can eliminate delays which might jeopardize aid packages. The financial aid forms will be available at this meeting and will then be available in the Guidance Office during school hours. Each family, however, will only be issued one copy of the forms due to supply limitation.

The ORR Guidance Department and Administrators urge seniors and their parents to set aside the evening of Wednesday, December 11. Information on local scholarships will also be available at this time. All ORR Counselors will be in attendance and coffee will be served.

Drama Club

Due to an overwhelming response to the Drama Club this year (nearly 70 students appeared at the first meeting), it has been decided that each grade will produce its own play. Ms. Anne Gonzalez, who is well-known for her involvement in community theater, is directing this band of enthusiastic, young thespians.

The winter play, which is already in rehearsal, will be Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice.* Performances are planned for January 10 and 11. Parent support for these ambitious productions is badly needed. If you can help,

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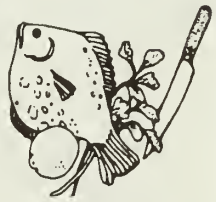

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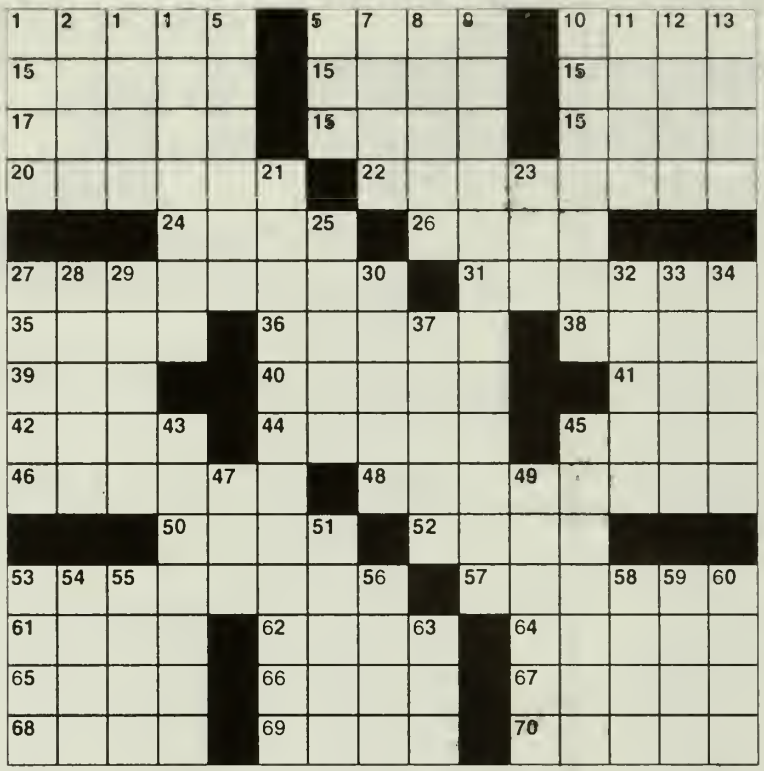

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24 Pitcher's place
26 Small drinks
27 One of a pair of rhythm instruments
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35 Crude dwellings
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38 First-class
39 "But — on forever"
40 Attorney —
41 Perceive
42 Fasting season
44 Actress Shire
45 Peddle
46 Plant disease
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50 Composer Khachaturian
52 Adolescent
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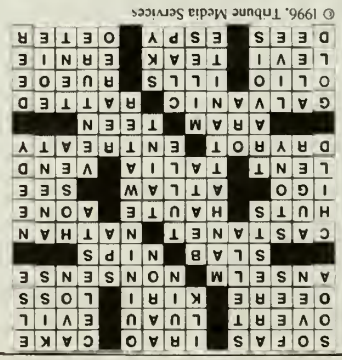

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Take your team on the road. If that's not possible, at least go for a long bike or snowmobile ride.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Get in your application for a promotion. If that deadline's past, submit job applications or resumes to the competition.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You won't fare well in a direct competition. The other side has too much ammunition. Compromise and work out a partnership agreement instead.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). There's too much work. Enroll a partner to help you with it and you may get it all done. That's important, because you'll want to go shopping later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You could fall in love hard. You never like to do things half-way, and this is no exception. Get your wits about you — there's work to be done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Are you moving, or what? If you're not, maybe you should. That's the only way you'll get any peace and quiet. Your love life could take a definite turn for the better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find it very easy to pick up new material, especially foreign languages. Hang around with a native speaker for best results.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Count your money and figure out your budget. If you don't have enough, sell your outgrown stuff. Get any work out of the way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are awesome. Start whatever you've been thinking about, including a change in your life's direction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Finish up everything on all of your lists, even if you have to pull an all-nighter. Follow your instincts — they'll be excellent.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have too many invitations. A team project will go very well. You'll be reminded of every little thing you've forgotten to do.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You should be in for a good show. Most of your supervisors will be in a festive mood. Get together with your buddies and make plans for the future.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: You are hot! Stop doing the stuff that doesn't work and start becoming the person you've always wanted to be.

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especially in the areas of set construction, publicity, and costumes, please contact Ms. Gonzalez at the school.

Marion's Sippican Seniors

Christmas Party

Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Party, to be held on Friday, December 13 at the Riverside Restaurant in Middleboro. A social hour will begin at 11:30 am and dinner will be served at 12:30 pm. Tickets are $10 for members and $14 for guests and are available from Natalie Sullivan (748-1467) until December 6.

All table centerpieces and favors are being made by Claire McWilliams. Door prizes, including a $50 travel certificate, will be given. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize is encouraged to do so, and to indicate what the package contains. A disc jockey will provide music for dancing and listening enjoyment.

Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet at 11:30 am on Monday, December 9 at the Drop-In Center.

Senior Drop-In

The Senior Drop-In Center in the Congregational Community Center offers Bridge on Tuesdays (Fleurette Hotte at 295-7920), and Thursdays (Bob Bunnell at 748-1603). The second and fourth Tuesdays are scheduled in various members' homes.

Whist parties are also offered at 1:00 pm and on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month — please contact Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467.

Hearts and Hands - Mattapoisett

Hearts and Hands of Mattapoisett is sponsoring a "Celebrate His Life" Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8 at 4:30 pm. This will be a wonderful community event honoring the essence of Christmas. The event will include an Arts and Crafts booth which will offer celebrants an opportunity to purchase special gifts for friends and family. If you would like to donate one or more of your specialty talents to the booth, all proceeds will benefit the children and families of Hearts and Hands.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Edward and Pamela Hoffer, 12 Upland Road, Wellesley, MA.

The project involves an upgrade of the sewage disposal system by installing a new septic tank and leaching area and to fill and grade. The project is located at 30 Avenue A, Peases Point, and is further identified as lot 104 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map 2A.

Daniel J. Bungert, Chairman
Conservation Commission. 11/29

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PUBLIC NOTICE

1997 SHELLFISH BUTTONS go on SALE in the Selectmen's Office as of December 2, 1996. All Persons holding shellfish buttons no.s 1 - 50 must pick them up prior to February 3, 1997.

AND

1997 BEACH/WHARF STICKERS will also be available for SALE in the Selectmen's Office as of December 2, 1996 for a fee of $4.00. Seniors over the age of 70 are eligible for free beach/wharf stickers and shellfish licenses.

MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN
11/29, 12/06

CORRECTION:

In the November 22, 1996 issue of The Wanderer the name Harvey J. Blanchette was omitted from the list of the Board of Assessors.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

The old, famous General Sherman Tree is located in the Sequoia National Park.

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Clemence Dane was the pen name of English writer Winifred Ashton.

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The outflow of the Volta River can be found in the Gulf of Guinea

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Oscar Wilde, calling for champagne on his deathbed, said, "I am dying, as I have lived, beyond my means."

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Four inches make up a hand, the unit of measurement for a horse's height.

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The sun's gravity is 28 times more powerful than that of Earth's.

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TRIVIALITIES

1. *"Tin Men," "Always"* and *"Nuts"* are films starring what actor?
2. Which person with the last name 'Kahn' was a songwriter for Broadway and Hollywood: Herman, Harry, Gustav or Madeline?
3. Which "family" musical group has no members that are related to each other: The Beach Boys, The Ramones or The Isley Brothers?
4. Who wrote "Fear of Flying"?
5. True or false: *"Day for Night,"* a film about filmmaking, is set in Paris.
6. Britt Reid, otherwise known as The Green Hornet, is related to what superhero?
7. What daughter of a famous pop singer had a number one hit in 1977?

ANSWERS TO TRIVIALITIES

1. Richard Dreyfuss; 2. Gustav Kahn; 3. Joey Ramone, Johnny Ramone, Dee Dee Ramone and Tommy Ramone adopted the same last name but not each other; 4. Erica Jong; 5. True; 6. The Lone Ranger (Britt's father, Dan, was the Lone Ranger's nephew); 7. Debbie Boone (Pat Boone's daughter)

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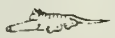

He's Back...

This week and every week to follow we are hiding the aardvark in *The Wanderer* once again.

For those of you not familiar with this practice, here's how it works. Each week we hide a little aardvark (shown above, actual size) somewhere in the newspaper (not counting the aardvark above). If you find him (or even if you don't) you can send in a postcard with your name, address, and phone number to the address below to enter our Aardvark Drawing! This week we are giving away an "I found the Aardvark" lapel pin.

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Baked goods are also needed to serve as refreshments at the Tree Lighting. Home baked goods and craft donations can be dropped off at the Hearts and

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
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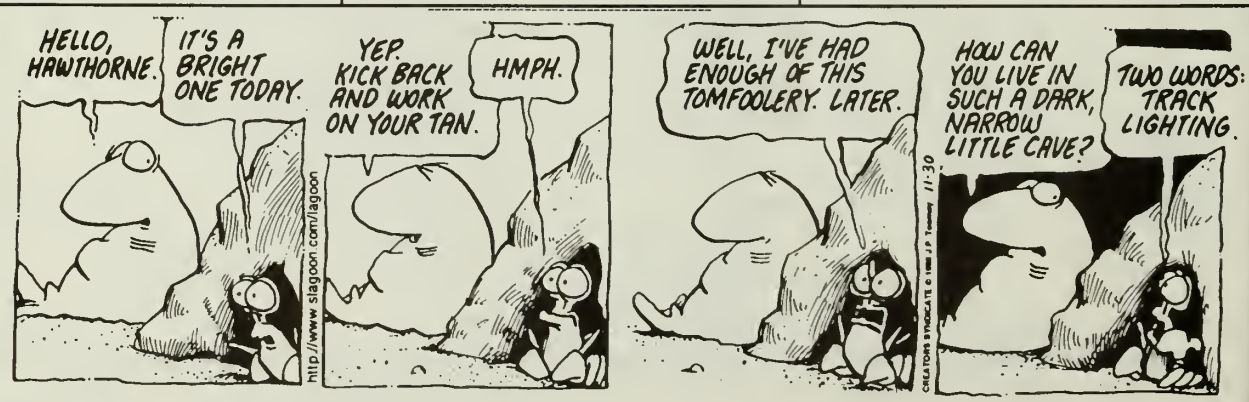

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Marion Plans for the Future

On October 23, the Marion Planning Board conducted a hearing to solicit public comment on suggestions for changes in business land use in the town. Most of these proposals were derived from the Report of the Marion Growth Management Committee. Many citizens provided their views on these recommendations at the hearing, while others wrote to the board or spoke to individual members.

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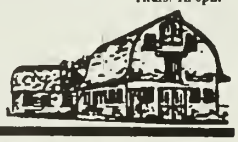
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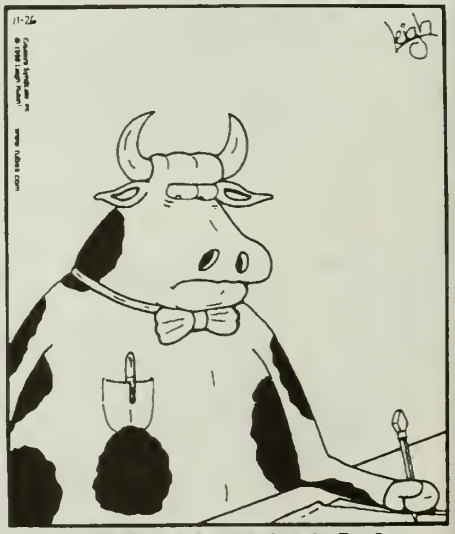

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people: expansion of the village business district; establishment of business nodes on Route 6; creation of a limited industrial park; and the board's actions on residential development.

• *Village Business Expansion* - Based on nearly unanimous opposition from all elements of the community, the Planning Board rejected the proposal that would have expanded the district.

• *Business Nodes* - Comments were overwhelmingly in support of the suggestion to break up and deepen the existing general business district along Wareham Road and create nodes of neighborhood-oriented business districts at Point Road and Front Street. These nodes are intended to prevent sprawl and to discourage strip development. Accordingly, the board will develop such a proposed change in zoning for consideration at a Special Town Meeting to be scheduled late this winter.

• *Limited Industrial Park* - The preliminary proposal by Whiteman and Taintor, consultants to the Marion Planning Board, to establish a new limited industrial park south of I-195 and adjacent to the Mattapoisett Industrial Park garnered mixed comments. While the proposal was taken directly from the Growth Management Report which itself was created after significant public input, the particulars of the district caused concern for several respondents. The recommendation to set aside about 200 acres, currently

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zoned residential, for limited industrial use, of which approximately 140 acres is suitable for development, drew comments both for and against.

Some residents were concerned that while the idea of a limited industrial park might be meritorious, the acreage was too great and would create significant demand for residential growth. On the other hand, some believed that the area was too limited and should be expanded. Business community representatives stated that the proposed reductions of land for commercial development along Route 6 would be very damaging to small businesses unless the limited industrial park were approved as an outlet for future commercial activity.

The Planning Board received comments to the effect that should the industrial park be rejected, the office and industrial floor space envisioned for the zone could be located in neighboring towns, and Marion would still find itself under pressure for residential development. Thus, the land, instead of becoming a net producer of jobs and tax revenue, would be developed over time into residential neighborhoods with their attendant drain on municipal services and resources. After considering all points of view, including the Growth Management Report's recognition of the need to foster small business and encourage quality business development, the board has voted to have our business consultants proceed with further development of this recommendation.

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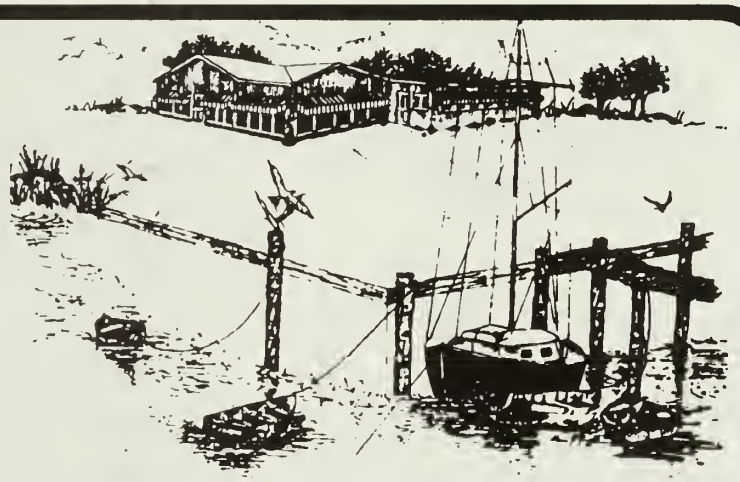

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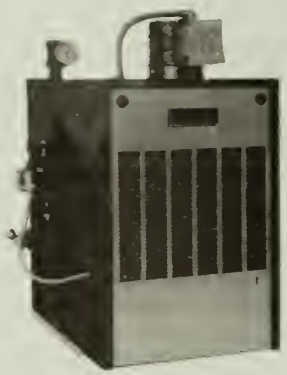

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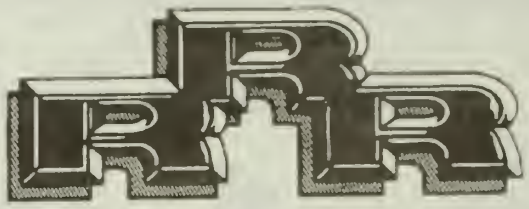

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